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The Gull River in Minden was a popular place for swimmers, kayakers, and floaters on Saturday, Aug. 13. Floating down the Gull River for some is a summer tradition. The Minden Rotary Park, located off Highway 35 is where people can start. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

New zoning amendment limits Dimensions

Services by Dimensions Algonquin Highlands will be affected by decision

by STEPHEN PETRICK Special to the Times

A new hybrid tourism resort-wellness centre in Algonquin Highlands will have some limitations on what it can offer, after the municipality finalized a zoning bylaw last week. The resort, known as Dimensions

Algonquin Highlands, will sit on land zoned for a "health and wellness service" but not a "medical facility."

The decision, made at the Aug.11 council meeting, appeases several concerns raised by Algonquin Highlands council and may also appease some nearby residents who spoke to council and media about their opposition to the resort. Yet, it won't likely stop the resort from forging ahead, as it plans on welcoming its first guests later this fall.

Dimensions Algonquin Highlands sits on a 45-acre property on Maple Lake. It was previously known as the Mishpacha Resort.

The zoning amendment means Dimensions can not host a pharmacy - something residents opposed out of worries that it could attract crime.

It also means doctors cannot offer service on site. This will have a rippling effect on Dimensions' plan, as it had marketed itself

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Resort owners angry over Health Unit hot tub order

Decision leaves owners looking for avenue to appeal order

by STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Times

There's no love for some Haliburton County resort hot tubs this summer.

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit has been clamping down on the use of outdoor hot tubs, forcing some businesses to drain their tubs and lose the income that comes with offering the luxurious service.

Two resort owners who spoke to the Haliburton Echo/ Minden Times are furious with the health unit for enforcing Ontario Health Regulation 565, which they argue is being interpreted incorrectly and isn't helpful in what they hoped would be a bump up year for tourism after two COVID summers. They say it's an example of government overreach, at the expense of their livelihoods and the economy.

"We've had these hot tubs for over a decade and it's never been an issue before," said Megan Heathy-Orr, who owns Buttermilk Falls Resort, one of the affected businesses.

She said a health inspector paid a random visit to her business in July and told her and her husband they must stop offering hot tub services, because the five hot tubs on site were outdoors. This, to the health unit, meant the business should be subjected to regulations which govern the use of outdoor public pools.

The regulation lists 28 different guidelines that a business must adhere to if offering an outdoor public pool, covering issues such as water testing, tracking the number of people entering and several safety-based procedures.

In Buttermilk Falls Resort's case, the hot tubs might be considered "Class B" pools because it's located on a property that contains six or more dwellings.

But Heathy-Orr said her business shouldn't be considered as a private pool operator, because the hot tubs are not intended for community use. Although they're outdoors, she said they are next to certain cabins and they are only assigned to people in those cabins.

She said the ruling is costing her a lot. Since the decision, she has re-imbursed some guests as much as \$200 per week, because they booked cabins on the assumption that they had hot tub service that, in the end, couldn't be offered.

"By the end of the summer, I'll have lost a mortgage payment," she said.

Rob Berthelot, owner of Sandy Lanes Resort, is also outraged with the clamp down. He told The Haliburton Echo/Minden Times that a health unit worker visited his site recently to inspect his kitchen.

The inspector then asked to see the hot tubs, which Berthelot closes for the summer and only offers to guests for the winter months. The inspector then warned Berthelot that he won't be permitted to offer them to people in the winter as they stand now, because they don't comply with the health regulation.

Like at Buttermilk Falls Resort, the five hot tubs on site



Owners of Buttermilk Falls Resort on Boshkung Lake, Stephen and Megan Heathy-Orr, emptied all of the outdoor hot tubs on their resort two weeks ago following orders from the Health Unit who claim the business should be subject to regulations that govern the use of outdoor pools. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

are outdoors, but are assigned to people in particular cabins. They're not intended for community use, he said.

When Berthelot was asked if it's possible for him to adjust his business to be in compliance with outdoor pool regulations he said "not a chance," knowing that the list of regulations is lengthy and meant for big businesses.

While, technically, no order was given to Berthelot, because the hot tubs haven't been used this summer, he knows the rule will cost him in the winter. In a fiercely- worded email to health unit officials, which he CC'ed to the Haliburton Echo and Minden Times, he revealed that he had to hand back \$800 to a guest who had booked a cabin in December, because they wanted the hot tub service.

"We just lost our first clients due to the lack of hot tub in December ... I hope you're happy," he wrote, sarcastically.

When speaking with The Echo/Times Berthelot said that outdoor hot tubs are an incredible feature to offer in the winter. He explained that he purchased Sandy Lanes in 2018 before the resort had hot tubs. He then installed the tubs and saw a \$20,000 difference in revenue, because customers like them so much.

"They get to sit out on the deck and look at the stars and watch the snow fall. It's nice and peaceful," he said.

A manager from the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit confirmed to the Echo/Times that staff have been conducting inspections and issuing orders around hot tubs to several Haliburton County businesses of late.

In an email, Health Protection Division manager Richard Ovcharovich, said the regulation is not new, but was revised in 2018

He explained that the issue started when the health unit learned that the Lakeview Motel had hot tubs that were believed to be not in compliance with the regulation. Inspectors visited and ordered those hot tubs to be closed. The Lakeview Motel owner appealed the decision to the Health Services Review and Appeal Board, but lost the decision.

"Since this decision, our health unit has received several complaints of other travel accommodations within our jurisdiction operating private backyard domestic spas on their premises. We are required to follow-up with such complaints and have done so," Ovcharovich wrote.

Berthelot and Heathy-Orr are both aware that Lakeview Motel lost its appeal and, because of that, they're not sure how they can further challenge the ruling in a timely matter. While Berthelot is writing to various officials to say the regulation is being interpreted wrongly, Heathy-Orr believes it's the rule itself that has to change.

"We need to get this policy changed," she said. "It comes down to bureaucracy and we all know how slow bureaucracy moves."

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce hopes to support the impacted businesses and is trying to raise awareness of the issue.

An online memo released by Chamber executive director Bob Gaudette, outlines the dissatisfaction in the business community.

"Regulation 565 has been on the books for many years but has never been applied to small resorts/hotels and motels as it is today," the memo states. "Now, with no outreach, no warning, no education program, and, most importantly, no new health and safety related issues, the resorts are being told to shut down an important revenue stream, one that they have used safely for literally decades."

The memo also suggests that the strict enforcement is at odds to Ontario's efforts to boost tourism in a post-COVID era through programs like the Ontario Staycation Tax Credit.

"Customers ask for hot tubs when they book and often do not book when no hot tub is available. These smaller resorts are all struggling to recover from the impact of COVID related closures."

Heathy-Orr has her own theory; she feels that there's been a change in culture at the health unit and a new person has come in with a mandate to more strictly enforce rules. But Ovcharovich stressed that's not the case.

"I can guarantee you that our staff do not have anything to prove. We work with our operators to educate and inform them of the requirements," he wrote, adding that, although orders were issued, no businesses have not been levied with fines



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No doctor decision nullifies magic mushroom treatment

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as a place where the use of psilocybin, a psychedelic drug better known as "magic mushrooms," could possibly be used.

While psilocybin is, in most cases illegal, a person can gain an exemption from Health Canada to use the drug under a special access

At the meeting, Algonquin Highlands planning director Sean O'Callaghan explained that, under law, a person must use psilocybin while under supervision of a prescribing doctor and so, in his interpretation, the no-doctor ruling essentially makes the use of psilocybin on site not possible.

Mayor Carol Moffatt pointed out that, psilocybin is being studied by the federal government and that rule could change in the future, thus allowing the drug to be used on site later on. If that ever happens, the municipality wouldn't have a say, as it would be a federal ruling.

No Dimensions officials appeared to be present at the meeting. O'Callaghan, however, said he worked with people from the business and they did not oppose the bylaw he proposed to council.

"It's my understanding they are in agreement," he said.

Shortly before the approving vote, Moffatt thanked Algonquin Highlands staff for coming up with a new bylaw, given the complicated nature of the project.

Plans for Dimensions Algonquin Highlands have been scrutinized publicly for months, as it's being carried out by a company that wants to capitalize on the growing "wellness tourism" industry.

The resort will feature 17 private cabins, a dining lounge and spa. It's being marketed to people who want to visit to work on their health, including people who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. A previous press release issued by the company says Dimensions Algonquin Highlands can help guests "find their rhythm and immerse themselves in the healing benefits of nature." It



An image showing the lakeview cabins planned for Dimensions Algonquin Highlands.

also said guests there can benefit from "healing modalities and plant medicines" including cannabis and cacao.

The municipality originally believed the resort was a fairly standard tourism operation and gave the company the go-ahead to build on site, given that the property was already zoned for tourism. But, as more details on the health aspects of the business emerged, a stop work order was issued.

Moffatt said the municipality has been "a little bit caught between a rock and a hard place," given that Dimensions is not a typical business.

She stressed that the role of the municipality is not to automatically support or deny a new, unique business venture, but really to examine its legalities and come up with solutions that benefit everyone.

"There's no legion of support or opposition," she said.

She said the municipality also can't interject if citizens are concerned that newly-legalized recreational drugs are being used on

"That's not for us to do. We don't have any right or authority to hold up an application," she said.



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Rotary hosts RotaryFest

The Minden Girl Guides, Margaret Thompson, from left, Alfie Thompson, and Carol Mowat, sold cookies from their booth at Minden RotaryFest on Saturday, Aug. 13. This was the first year for the event and it featured live music, a scavenger hunt, a flea market, a yard sale, bingo, and community partner booths. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff





Shoppers work through items at the first ever Minden RotaryFest on Saturday, Aug. 13 in Minden. The event was organized by the Rotary Club of Minden and the social service club is celebrating 75 years. Submitted by Guenter Horst



Rotaract Haliburton Highlands member Brad Brown, left, takes a break from his booth to chat with Minden Rotary president Dave Woodcroft at Minden RotaryFest.



Bill Black performs "For What It's Worth" by Buffalo Springfield at Minden RotaryFest. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Member of the Minden Pride committee **Bob Fisher** set up a booth at Minden RotaryFest to tell attendees about the upcoming Minden Pride festivities from Aug. 22 to Aug. 28.



Classic car lovers were provided a plethora of options at the first ever Minden RotaryFest. / Submitted by Guenter Horst

Short-term rental review addresses lack of long-term rentals

by VIVIAN COLLINGS

Times Staff

Haliburton County council discussed the need to address the lack of long-term rentals during the options report of their short-term rental review.

When considering what is to be deemed as an appropriate short-term rental accommodation during the county special meeting of council on Aug. 10, councillors considered the lack of long-term rental places in the county, and in particular, long-term housing for college students.

"I'm thinking that a student coming for a week in the summer is likely to be more of an Airbnb type of application, where my concern is that for the longer-term students that are here for a full semester, that's a different circumstance where we want to make sure there's still something available for them," said Warden Liz Danielsen.

Mayor of Dysart et al Andrea Roberts said in Dysart, many long-term rental units have become short-term rental units at the economic benefit of owners.

"One of the concerns at the Dysart table is the fact that some people have opted to rent what could be a year-round rental unit to a student coming to [Haliburton School of Art + Design] from September to April or to someone who is looking for a place. It's much more economical to rent that room out as an Airbnb or Vrbo, so I am in favour, of anything under the definition of short-term rental as anything less than 28 days, to be regulated, because in Dysart, we do know properties that have been taken away from the housing stock because it's more economical [for owners] to do that," Roberts said.

The County of Haliburton Short Term Rental Accommodation Review is currently in "Phase 2" of the project after meeting with various stakeholders and reviewing examples of municipalities who have already adopted regulation of short-term rentals.

"As county council knows, I'm fond of saying this is the phase where we wrap our arms and our minds around the

issue and opportunities that we are dealing with," said Jason Ferrigan, senior planner with J.L. Richards and Associates.

Report planners with J.L. Richards and Associates Gursimran Saini and Tori Ruck acquired perspectives of local stakeholders relevant to the project like Airbnb, Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Housing Corporation, Environment Haliburton, and all four municipal councils within the county.

They also held two focus groups.

The first was with Cottage Care Rentals, Kennisis Cottage Rentals, and All-season Cottage Rentals. The second was with Haliburton Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Haliburton BIA, Haliburton Tourism Action Committee, Adventure Haliburton, and Haliburton County Development Corporation.

"Airbnb said licensing will help to build the database of short-term rental owners and operators. HKL Housing Corporation noted an increase in rental unit conversion to short-term rental units, which they're concerned about due to a lack of rental units in the county. Environment Haliburton expressed concerns about a seemingly lack of respect and protection of the natural environment," Ruck said. "The cottage rental focus group noted that renting with them ensures accountability and to know who to contact for complaints as opposed to short-term rental platforms like Airbnb and Vrbo. The economic development focus group promoted regulation of short-term rentals to allow them to continue in order to combat some of their negative elements that we've identified before."

Ruck also shared the main concerns that each municipality raised within the county when J.L. Richards and Associates met with each separately.

"Minden Hills council expressed concern with zoning giving lenience to commercial short-term rentals and creating a shortage of affordable rental properties which is also in line with what we heard from the housing corporation. Dysart council noted that all residential short-term rental units need to be covered under the policy not just cottage-type rentals. [Highlands East] noted that commercial and non-commercial

short-term rentals should be distinguished from each other, be safe, and be located in appropriate locations."

Ruck and Saini had not yet met with the Township of Algonquin Highlands council at the time of the special meeting.

Council was asked by Saini if they would like to consider requiring either owners or long-term tenants to occupy a whole-unit rental for some time before it could be rented as a short-term rental.

Moffatt said, "I'd love to consider it, but I'm not sure how appropriately applicable it is because the situation that needs addressing is occurring now, so you're not going to say no to people who have an entire economy or lifestyle based on a

Moffatt said the only way to require this of rental owners is to require it of new rentals, not those that have already been renting for some time, but this would be seen as unfair.

"I think there are some things we need to give up for the greater good. I don't see how that's going to work without offending those who have been doing it or who will have to do it starting out."

The rest of council agreed with Moffatt.

To view the full discussion involving short-term rentals at the special meeting of county council on Aug. 10, visit www. youtube.com/watch?v=nYsU3r3JG40.













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Choose love over hate

DARREN LUM

VERYDAY WE have the power ★ to decide. We can love or we can hate. It seems strange to characterize our decisions in this manner, but bear with me. When you cross the street and you're looking for a break in traffic and someone stops, recognizing your need, they're showing they care. When an acquaintance gives a few minutes beyond the typical pleasantries exchanged to actually listen to your vacation experience or the list of chores you've gone through that day they're recognizing your need to share. It's a stretch to say the opposite of these actions are equated with hate, but giving time and space is correlated to love. And when someone chooses to take the time to direct hate at others, it troubles me.

When I learned about the homophobic and discriminatory comments directed at the Haliburton County Public Library and Minden Pride organizers for the upcoming Storytime readings with Auntie Plum at the Minden Hills library and the Dysart library it reminded me some choose to hate.

I know there are people in the community who are not open-minded and wish Pride didn't

exist. For those people, my message is you have more power than you realize.

Your power is you can decide. If you don't approve of Storytime, don't go. Don't take your children or your grandchildren. Why direct your ire to others? Maybe you feel like you're losing your town or something? Maybe you want to seize the power you feel you have lost? Maybe you need to direct your anger at someone? But, maybe, just see that you have the power to be silent and keep your intolerance to yourself. If you're unhappy, maybe it's within you to find peace. Although that's far more difficult to do than direct hate to others who you don't have a connection with and don't feel any compunction for the harm you cause, it's still an option.

While I'm quite familiar with Toronto's Pride festivities, I've never been.

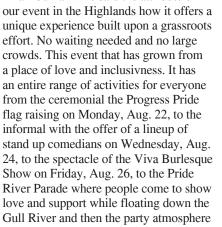
It wasn't out of a disregard or a lack

of interest so much as I'm not big fan of large crowds, so the only Pride events I've ever attended were the ones in Minden. I agree with Minden Pride Committee chair Allan Guinan who said the attribute of our event in the Highlands how it offers a unique experience built upon a grassroots effort. No waiting needed and no large crowds. This event that has grown from a place of love and inclusivness. It has an entire range of activities for everyone from the ceremonial the Progress Pride flag raising on Monday, Aug. 22, to the informal with the offer of a lineup of stand up comedians on Wednesday, Aug. 24, to the spectacle of the Viva Burlesque Show on Friday, Aug. 26, to the Pride River Parade where people come to show love and support while floating down the

world and all the challenges it poses. But I've loved the area most for its people. You can't have everything in life, but living in a place you feel welcomed is something worth valuing and worth standing up for. Let's not end this feeling.

I've always believed we lived in

A community is comprised of citizens who can be considered like family. We may not always agree, but it's important we have compassion and patience for each other and be united in moving the community forward with kindness. I don't have all the answers (and I'm far from perfect), but I know that when given a choice, I choose love and kindness even when it's something that takes me time and effort to reach. After all, what kind of world will we have when we choose the



of the Street Fest to end the week of festivities on Sunday. Aug.28.





N THE NEAR future we will be go-

ing on a canoe camping trip. When

LI say we, I mean Jenn, her sister,

The reason it was unexpected is that a)

it was Jenn's idea, and b) Jenn once swore

to me that she would never go on a canoe

That proclamation seemed unusual to

me because Jenn and I have completed a

couple of wonderful backpacking trips.

Nevertheless, her answer sort of made

sense. She said that she always wants to

her sister's partner, and me. This was

unexpected.

camping trip again.

camp in a place where she

especially thrilled that we have booked a campsite on a reasonably good smallmouth bass lake.

But there will be complications that I have never dealt with before.

First off, Jenn's sister and her partner are vegans. This is not an insurmountable obstacle, since we are only gone for three days, but it will make the trip a bit more challenging. I have never had to smuggle beef jerky, sardines, several steaks and canned ham before. Nor eat it in the dead of night in a canoe floating in the middle of the lake. But I'm sure it can be done. And there are plenty of YouTube videos on making sushi too.

The real problem is that I believe I am the only one in the group who cares about fishing. That means that I will likely catch the biggest bass of my life and have no one to show it off to. Worse still, there won't be an envious eye in the campsite.

Oh sure, I could canoe it around the lake holding it over my head like the Stanley Cup, but with my luck those campsites will be empty or occupied by others who could

Frankly, I don't know what to do.

I have been on many canoe trips but have never actually been on one where I am the only angler. Usually, I have at least one other angler with me – and typically, I can

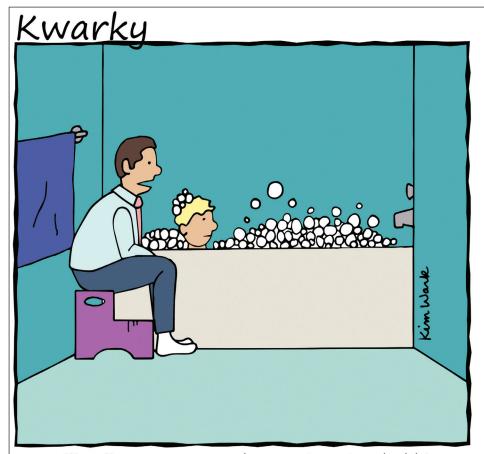
convince that guy to paddle, if I fake a shoulder injury well enough. But in this case, I will probably be paddling and fishing alone, which is fine - I do it all the time.

But this is a canoe trip, complete with portage. And that generally means you are into waters that are less pressured and more likely to hold bigger, more gullible fish. There's no better time to have someone paddling for you.

My biggest fear is that the group – which I already confirmed is working as a democracy – will vote to paddle around the lake and sight see, rather than fish. And, I will have to join them – and secretly troll.

I guess all this is not the end of the world. On the bright side, we will be out in nature, enjoying what I hope will be early autumn temperatures and solitude. There will be fresh air, good conversations, a campfire, kindness, and lots of catching up. Jenn and her sister will be happy and Kyle and me will be happy to see them being happy.

Best of all, I am sure to catch the first and biggest fish.



"I'll tell you a story about a housing bubble and how Dad might not stay afloat."

Planning for the unexpected

it's easy to forget about the

community were if we didn't embrace each other we at least tolerated each other. Perhaps, this is a low bar, but it's realistic.

alternative?



STEVE GALEA Beyond 35

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

Growing food, not lawns

Y LAWNMOWER has been put away for the winter. I doubt if I'll bring it out next spring.

This year I didn't cut the grass until well into June. It grew to a foot high with native grasses and weeds.

The idea was to allow the grass to get a firm, healthy footing before being mowed. The result was a surprise: everything in the lawn grew tall and healthy, and some tiny but beautiful flowers bloomed.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

Among the blooms were five-petalled purple wild violets that had drifted in on the wind and taken hold in the lawn. Along with, of course, the white clover hated by many lawn enthusiasts.

These flowers attracted pollinators like bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

What I saw in my uncut lawn helped me to understand the movement to make our landscapes more natural. It's called rewilding and can take many forms, but, simply put, it is about making our environments, and our lifestyles, more natural.

Rewilding projects are as small as letting your lawn grow naturally, and as big as reintroducing large

mammals to places where they once were numerous. For instance, Rewilding Europe is working to establish herds of bison in parts of Europe where they

Scientists say that large mammals such as bison, deer, moose and lions act as landscape engineers, shaping the composition of plant life and wildlife – from birds and aquatic creatures to trees and soil organisms. They are an important part of natural processes that alleviate damage created by unhealthy greenhouse gases causing global warming.

Meanwhile, I saw my uncut lawn as prettier and more useful to the environment than a mowed one.

There are an estimated one-quarter billion lawns in North America – 230 million in the United States, six million plus in Canada and some in Mexico, although Mexicans are not nearly as enamoured with them as we are.

That's a lot of lawns, but there will be fewer in the future. More people are seeing lawns for what they really are - water hungry monocultures devoid of any plant diversity and insect life. They are outdated symbols of the past and a sign of our disconnection from nature.

Lawns began appearing in 17th century England when aristocrats were rich enough to manicure their land for display, instead of farming it for food.

By the 1950s, manicured lawns became symbols of the good life in North American suburbs. Along with green grass that did nothing except look pretty and drink water came lawnmowers, trimmers, blowers, chemical fertilizers and

Letting your lawn return to a natural state is not easy, and likely won't make you popular with your neighbours. However, it can be done on a small scale, one piece of lawn at a time turned into a patch of wildflowers.

It's all about creating more diversity - helping populations of insects, animals, fish and birds recover. More natural populations of these creatures help to reduce the damage of atmospheric carbon.

Before there is any rewilding of a yard, field or anything else there has to be human rewilding. That involves undoing the unhealthy practices of today and going back to more natural ways of living.

Human rewilding doesn't mean we need to revert to wearing animal skins and living in caves. It means thinking about how to live with less of what we want and don't really need.

One thing we do really need is food, and food equality, yet despite all the advances in agriculture, growing enough nutritious food to feed a growing world population is becoming a worry.

Matthew Evans, author of Soil: The incredible story of what keeps the earth, and us, healthy, writes that between polluting/poisoning of the land and erosion, the world has lost an estimated one-third of its cropland in the last 40 years.

He notes research that says arable land per capita has been declining since 1984, and so have grain and fish production per capita.

We never will eliminate all the waste and pollution that we create. However, by changing our thinking about what we really need, we can work to ensure that pollution and waste don't grow faster than nature can absorb, recycle or neutral-



Maternal instincts

Minden resident **Guenter Horst's** capture of a mourning dove in nest.

Public input needed for mental health and addiction services

A new project is being developed in Haliburton County surrounding the issues of mental health, addiction and access to social and community services. If you are someone who has experienced these issues and required or tried to obtain help in our area, Tom Regehr would like to hear from you.

Facilitator, Regehr is the gentleman spearheading this project on behalf of Haliburton County social service initiatives; in an effort to bring people together with health issues like himself and share their experiences, both successes and failures. Tom himself has accessed many social service programs through the years for mental health needs, addiction and homelessness. His lived experienced is valuable and demonstrates his strength and commitment to wellness.

Social and community service programs always need re-evaluation and improvements to grow and meet a community's needs; being part of the change by simply sharing your stories with Tom can do that.

What would you like these programs to know about you and your experience? How did they make you feel? What services have you tried to access and what worked? What didn't work? If you needed help but didn't

seek any, why didn't you? The service providers in our community want to improve and provide the best support they can so here is your chance to share and bring about

There are a few ways to participate; by attending Listening Sessions which include Tom and only those who wish to share their story. No service providers, medical professionals or community service agencies will be in attendance. This is an opportunity to chat, listen and move forward with your experience. Coffee, tea and food provided.

Listening Session one (evening) is on Thursday, Aug. 25 at the Lions Club in Minden and Listening Session 2 (lunch) is on Friday, Aug. 26 in Haliburton. Haliburton location to be announced soon.

If you are uncomfortable with a gathering in person, please email Tom directly to begin a conversation on the things that matter to you. Your questions and feedback are essential. regehr@cast-canada.ca

Submitted by Tim Tofflemire of Job Quest, a division of Community Living Trent Highlands

HCPL's DVD of the Month - August



This fascinating dramatic biopic follows renowned author C.S. Lewis' journey from hard-boiled atheist to "the most reluctant convert in all England." Award winning actor Max McLean, and up-and-comer Nicholas Ralph (PBS' All Creatures Great and Small) bring Lewis' poignant story of grief, loss and redemption vividly to life on screen.

Directed by Norman Stone, and beautifully filmed in and around the real Oxford University in the UK, this film follows The Chronicles of Narnia creator from the tragic death of his mother when he was just nine years old, through his strained relationship with his father, to the nightmare of the trenches of the First World War, and on to Oxford, where friends like J.R.R. Tolkien challenged his unbelief and helped him to become one of the most renowned and prolific Christian writers of the past century.

Check out The Most Reluctant Convert from HCPL today.

Minden Pride is a celebration of community

This year's event is Loud and Proud in 2022!

by DARREN LUM Editor

Love is at the heart of the upcoming Minden Pride week of festivities hosted in the Highlands.

The chair of Minden Pride Allan Guinan invites the public to this year's Minden Pride series of events, which he characterized as a "really fun and feel good event."

"There's lots of goodwill. If you want to come out and see some talent and some interesting things then I would suggest coming out to Minden Pride because there's lots of fun stuff going on," he said.

Guinan said Minden Pride's attribute is how it is a "grassroots type of event," so it will appeal to people who don't like the city pride events such as Toronto Pride

When Guinan sees the Progress Pride flag raised on Monday, Aug. 22 at the Township of Minden Hills office he said it not only represents the start of the Pride week, but also the community's support.

"[The raising of the flag represents] the importance of Minden Pride in the community and the fact the community has been so supportive of us for the last seven years. So, to me, it's a really very important event," he

He adds the flag will fly for at least the duration of the Minden Pride week. A coffee reception will follow at the Up River Trading Co. on Bobcaygeon Road in town.

Later that day (Aug. 22), Healing Colours, a queer wellness night at Dimensions, is at



Auntie Plum listens to a young girl ask questions during last year's Storytime held at the Minden Hills library branch. This year's Storytime is at the Dysart branch on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. and then at the Minden Hills branch on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. /DARREN LUM Staff FILE

the Dimensions Algonquin Highlands retreat from 5 to 8:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to meet the team and to go on a guided site tour and an opportunity to sample wellness sessions. Space is limited. Dimensions is a presenting sponsor of Minden Pride.

There will be a Meet and Greet with the organizing committee members, and the members of the charitable organization, the Rainbow Railroad on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 5 p.m. at the Boshkung Social.

Drag Storytime returns with Auntie Plum like other years with two dates, one at the Dysart branch in Haliburton on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. and the other at the Minden branch on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m.

On Aug. 24 there will be the Queer Comedy Night hosted at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton club room at 7:30 p.m. It includes comedians Hillary Yaas, Robert Watson, Heather Mariko and Dylan Mahaney. This is a 19-plus event. Tickets are

\$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Tickets are limited. Purchase tickets at Up River Trading in Haliburton or Minden and at the Wolf Moon Shop Minden.

On Thursday, Aug. 25 there will be the Drag Cocktails, which will be hosted by Plum Vicious at 5 p.m. at the EAT Cheeserie + Cocktails and it will serve as a primer for the Trivia Night at 7 p.m. at the Dominion Hotel on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.





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Among the events Guinan is anticipating is the Pride River Parade.

It starts at the Rotary Park, on the Gull River and goes to the vehicle bridge in Minden at 12:30 p.m.

"Another event we're really excited about this year is the Pride River Parade. We started it last year as kind of a test, but this year, we're really hoping that we're gonna get a lot more people behind it and get a lot of people out onto the river on Sunday," he said.

He adds the setting is ideal for the floating parade through town, which starts at the Rotary Park, located a few minutes north of town on Highway 35.

"I think it's just really fun that people come out and show their own support in their own way for Pride. And that's for all of us. Should be lots of fun. Hopefully, we're going to have people participate, and people observing along the river. We'll have prizes for the most creative and the most imaginative floats. Should be a fun day," he said.

After the parade there will be the Street Fest from 1 to 3 p.m. on Water Street in Minden. The Street Fest includes children's activities and face painting, and more than 20 local food and product vendors, including entertainers.

Per the event flyer: "Watch the Pride Parade. Come for the fest and enjoy all the rest!"

The very popular Viva Burlesque Show returns at the Pinestone Resort at the Grill on the Gull Patio on Friday, Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. This will be a showcase of several drag performers, including the Highlands' Plum Vicious. It is a 19-plus event. Tickets are \$45. Purchase tickets at Russellredrecords.ca.

Toolbelts and Tiaras Tea Dance, including a silent auction is from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the next day on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Grill on the Gull patio in Minden. From promotional material: "Shake your booty to some great tunes, show off your inner diva and take part in our AMAZING silent

He said there was support for the return of the burlesque show, which is sure to draw a crowd for the spectacle and for how it fulfills a demand.

"I think everyone is ready to get out and celebrate and enjoy life again," he said.

Guinan said for all the "feel good things" related to Minden

Pride there is also a serious aspect that can't be overlooked, whether it's advocating against conversion therapy or raising awareness about how homophobia still exists.

"We're there because of homophobia and hate crimes that have occurred in the past and are still occurring and occurred all across Ontario this year, and small communities. So, from our perspective, it's important that we are politically active, we are addressing those things where there is still work to be done," he said. "There's still hatred out there and is what our community experiences. So, from our perspective it's

important to do the good work and to make sure that people know that there are issues that still need to be considered and addressed.

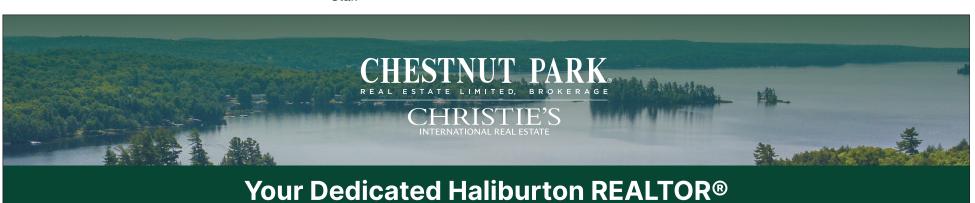
Guinan said this is where the "Loud and Proud" theme of this year's event comes from.

"It's been pretty quiet for a couple of years. We've had some sort of presence. But I think everyone now wants to move forward and continue to have the support that we've had in the county. I think that is critical."



Radio raises important funds

Moose FM radio host Rick Lowes, from left, was joined by representatives of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) executive director Lisa Tompkins, vice-chair David Zilstra, and chair Eric Recalla for the Haliburton Highlands Health Radiothon on Friday, Aug. 12. The two-day fundraiser began on Aug. 11 and raised more than \$32,000 for new IV pumps for HHHS hospitals. /VIVIAN COLLINGS



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AH gets behind county-wide waste management model

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Algonquin Highlands is on its way to having a clearer picture of what it will take for a single county-wide waste management system.

Council agreed during regular meeting on Aug. 11 to get behind a request for proposals toward identifying a delivery model for unified waste management. The goal is to get information on how to best deliver such a county-wide service.

It's another step in a process that began about two years ago.

The county and its four lower-tier municipalities engaged StrategyCorp to undertake a service delivery review in 2020. The review's final report was delivered in November that year.

Waste services ranked highly in the Haliburton Municipalities Service Delivery Review's six key customer-facing areas.

In that regard, the final report urged the establishment of a waste committee of representatives from each municipality. The committee will review county-wide waste facilities and work toward a standardized waste policy for Haliburton County.

Each of the four lower-tier municipalities will kick in coin equally to cover 50 per cent of the study's cost, with the remaining half contributed by the county.

The consultant from the RFP is to research, analyze, and recommend a single-tier waste management service delivery model for the county that could maximize administrative efficiencies; harmonize and standardize policies, procedures, and services; be cost effec- existing buildings and collection areas. tive; and provide exceptional customer service opportunities.

"It's a what-if investigation to get a picture painted to see what would be involved," said Melissa Murray, the township's environmental coordinator.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said the consolidation of waste management service is something with the construction of a new operations many people have lobbied for over the years.

Tenders for operation centre drastically over budget

Township staff were asked to continue negotiations to try to bring the lowest bid for Maple Lake Waste Disposal Site Operations Centre's construction closer to the amount budgeted for the job.

The construction cost was earmarked at \$1-million in the 2022 municipal budget.

All the bids received were "fairly substantially over budget," Murray said.

The lowest bid garnered through a July RFP for the centre's construction was \$245,000 more than what was budgeted for the work. Staff will continue talking with that company to try to lower their price. Staff will meet with council later this month to report on any progress.

"The world is a crazy place in terms of supply and demand," the mayor said, and added that the intent of continued negotiations isn't to remove anything from the project.

"The Maple Lake landfill situation is frustrating for a lot of people," she said.

The landfill's current layout is no longer able to handle traffic or material volumes. The next area for landfilling requires moving

Given the challenges of having to keep moving and reconfiguring the site to accommodate landfilling, and the challenges of developing infrastructure on a waste mound, staff recommended that consideration be given to a more long-term approach to site development and to consider moving forward centre away from the waste mound.

The new operations centre will make the landfill efficient and more cost-effective.

"Right now it is neither," Moffatt said.

GPS system can improve staff

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and

Trails is looking into a new global positioning system to keep track of staff in the field.

Staff are currently required to do radio check-ins when they're in the field. And Chris Card, the department's manager, said being able to more accurately discern the location of field staff by satellite will make their jobs safer.

It's better risk management in the event of an emergency. Radio contact can be lost should a staff member have a medical emergency in the field. And search and rescue personnel would be able to save response time with GPS help.

"Like all technology, it takes a little bit of time for people to get used to it," Card said.

County library's service delivery shifts into high gear

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Chris Stephenson believes a dedicated vehicle will bring multi-faceted growth to the Haliburton County Public Library.

And Stephenson, the library's chief executive officer and chief librarian, rallied the HCPL board of directors to open the purse to buy a van costing up to \$40,000.

"We're at the point where we need to make some decisions," he said as part of the second of two presentations regarding the need for a new van dedicated to library services.

The library currently shares a van with other Haliburton County departments. It's 11 years old and has about 207,000 kilometres behind it. Or staff and volunteers use their own vehicles for library service delivery.

Stephenson said a vehicle dedicated solely to the library would lead to growth in many ways. And, given the library service's financial footing, a new van could be bought without having to dip into reserve funds, he said.

The library has a stable staff contingent, no shelf space to buy more books, and the computer equipment has life left. That means there are no such expenses in the offing, he said. And there are few other avenues for libraries to spend budgeted funds.

"Our 2022 budget will still balance," he

In the end, the board went with Stephenson's recommendation to buy a Dodge Ram ProMaster City Van. The upfront costs are pegged to be \$38,440. The total costs over a seven-year lifecycle are calculated to be \$84,052.

That was the vehicle deemed to be more suitable to what's required by the library.

The other contenders seriously considered for purchase were a Chevrolet Bolt electric vehicle and a Toyota RAV 4 Prime gasolineelectric hybrid vehicle.

"It's good for an organization that crisscrosses the county all year to have regular access to a vehicle." Stephenson said.

But the vehicle has to meet certain

Given the electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the county, the Bolt and even a hybrid choice is rendered an unwise choice. And, given the volume of book bins and other programming materials transported throughout the county, cargo space is paramount.

"We're a small system covering a wide geography," Stephenson said.

Staff routinely ship between 10 to 15 book bins, various pieces of office furniture, and other program material to varied branch

"We're also returning to pre-pandemic levels of service," Stephenson said.

That means as many as 17 to 20 extra book bins to be lugged about the county. To ask staff and volunteers to haul that kind of freight with their personal vehicles increases wear and tear on family cars.

Warden Liz Danielsen, the deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said buying an electric vehicle would be environmentally conscious in an age of climate change awareness. At the very least, she'd like to see a hybrid vehicle bear the library colours.

But Danielsen said it's simply the wrong time to buy an electric vehicle given the dearth of charging stations in the county.

Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts agreed.

"We should be getting a vehicle that best suits our needs," Roberts said.

Stephenson suggested there may soon be such changes in the automobile market that an electric vehicle that could meet high cargo demands would be available.

"I think things will advance significantly in the next five to six years," said David O'Brien, a library board member.

Besides, said Roberts, the board doesn't have to keep the gas-only van for the whole seven-year lifecycle that's been projected for each option. A future library board may consider trading it in three or four years, she said.

"I think this will be a huge asset to the library," said Sally Howson, a library board member.

Stephenson said: "It's going to be a huge game-changer in terms of what we're able to



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Auntie Plum ready to regale

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Drag Queen Storytime exemplifies Haliburton County Public Library's core values.

Public libraries are forever bastions of free expression where diverse voices are accessible to everybody. And, in concert with Minden Pride Week 2022, drag performer Auntie Plum will enthrall local children and their parents with stories of inclusion.

The story time takes place Aug. 25 at the library's Minden Hills branch starting 3 p.m. This is the fourth year for the event in Haliburton County.

Drag Queen Storytime events have become popular the world over, said Christopher Stephenson, the county library's CEO and chief librarian.

He said the story time is a good fit in that the library's core public values include intellectual freedom.

"So it's making sure that everyone sees themselves represented at the library," he

Another of the library's core values is to promote respectful communication.

"And that's important," Stephenson said. The stories chosen are often about how it's okay to be different from other children.

"It infuses fun," he said. "There's still songs and a craft, in most cases. It's a story

time with a bit more colour and sometimes glitter."

Many dozens of people have shown up in past years on the day of the event.

"This is a fabulous family-friendly event," he said. "On the day, we have typically a full house.'

Despite that, there's been rumbles of opposition to the event. New to this year, Stephenson said libraries all across Ontario have received phone calls and comments from people who are against the Drag Queen Storytime.

"And we're no exception," Stephenson said, and described a conversation he'd had about a month ago with a detractor.

Common gripes include people asserting that hosting the story time at a public library is a waste of taxpayers' money or that such displays aren't suitable for children.

"At the end of the day, the parents decide that," Stephenson said. "We don't have threeand five-year-olds showing up at the library by themselves. It's a family friendly event."

Allan Guinan, the Minden Pride chairperson, in a press release said, at its heart, the Drag Queen Storytime illustrates an important facet of life.

"The stories being read to the children will address ideas of free expression and underline the importance of being open and accepting of everyone regardless of their differences," Guinan said.

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The Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonnenberg experience

Art that changed me

by JERELYN CRADEN
Special to the Times

Can art change you?

Can it open your mind, broaden your perspective, and reignite the childlike wonder that was once alive in you? Well, it happened to me last week at the studio of the internationally acclaimed contemporary artist team, Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonnenberg whose new exhibition, Places Count, opens at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Saturday, August 27 in Minden.

As I pulled up to their shiny roofed hangar-like studio on Booth Street in Minden, Hanson and Sonnenberg, life and work partners for 35 years, greeted me with a smile and a wave. They had generously delivered the Places Count catalogue of their new exhibition to my home days before, but after looking at the photos I felt compelled to see their work in person.

Upon entering the 1,600-foot studio, I immediately recognized several of the pieces from the catalogue: beans in a bag, a mattress leaning against a wall, and a mound of tires with a papier mâché object on top.

I knew there was much for me to learn.

"Beans in a bag?" I asked, staring at a white plastic bag on the floor filled with red kidney beans.

"Pick one up," they said. "We made all 17,000 of them by hand. It took us three months to make."

They were perfect. Incredibly smooth and quite beautiful, made from a synthetic modelling compound. I had never thought of kid-



Minden-based artists Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonnenberg invite people to an artful experience of thought with their latest exhibition, Places Count, which opens at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Saturday, August 27. /Photo by Jerelyn Craden

ney beans as being beautiful before. And I hadn't thought the ones in the bag could be anything but real. I was ready to move on to the next piece, but paused, realizing that Hanson and Sonnenberg's art challenges the viewer to slow down and take the time to really see what you're looking at. To be in the place you are in 100 per cent, and by doing

so, make that place count.

Then my eyes fell on a mattress leaning against the wall as I had seen it in the catalogue. Like my initial reaction to the beans, I thought: a mattress is art? I moved closer. *The Beds We Make and Where We Lie* – a Hanson and Sonnenberg sculpture, impeccably designed and hand-crafted, "is made of polystyrene and hot glue," they said. "There's that proverb that goes, 'you've made your bed, now lie in it. What we do as a practice is the bed we made and now we have to lie in it. So, you have this completely baffling object that asks the viewer: Where do you lie and where does it lie in relationship to you?"

Pinocchio's nose grew when he lied. My mind expanded when I focused on their art.

Their self-portrait was next and it made me laugh. A long-poled spade stood beside a shorter square head shovel (ink jet on paper). It smacked of Norman Rockwell's *American Gothic* painting of a farmer and his wife, except in their place were farm tools.

Then I saw the profile of Donald Trump made of bent wire, or so I thought. "You recognized him?" they asked.

"Yes, immediately," I said.

"It was our response to the overturning of Roe vs. Wade. Take a closer look."

My jaw dropped. The artists had bent a wire coat hanger in the image of Trump – an object associated with darker days when



Book Everything is a piece by Minden-based artists Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonnenberg who want to intrigue. /Photo courtesy of Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonneberg

abortion was illegal and the options to terminate a pregnancy were unsafe, even deadly.

Next, was a flat version of their piece, *Roadkill Bunny*.

"There's a similarity between roadkill and litter on the road," they said. "We wanted to make a piece that brought those two things together. Litter and road kill appear competitive in size and sadness."

Landfills are less filled thanks to Hanson and Sonnenberg.

Among their beautifully made wood pieces are a pair of reconstructed Barcelona chairs, a sleek, elegant street lamp, and a trio of intricately hand-crafted wood blocks, smooth as silk and mounted like paintings – the latter made from pallets about to be tossed from the old arena, the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden (before it was rebuilt).

When installation artist, John Notten, referred to the partners as, "They're the real deal," he wasn't kidding.

Places Count opens at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden on Aug. 27. Reception is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and runs to October 26. For more information see www.bucketof-blood.info.





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Book Twins, reconstructed Barcelona chairs by Mindenbased artists Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonnenberg.

Highlands entrepreneur is hooked on baits

by GRACE OBORNE

Special to the Times

For local resident, preserving the Highlands' water and overall environment is a key factor when designing his product.

Colt Taylor has always spent a lot of time fishing on Haliburton County's lakes. It wasn't until last summer that he decided to start making recyclable soft plastic fishing

"I didn't really start selling them until this winter in December. I make soft plastic fishing lures, mostly for bass fishing, but really for all kinds of species," Taylor said.

Taylor creates baits specific to the species such as bass, muskie, walleye, pike, trout, crappie. His bait is available in a variety of colours, shapes and sizes.

The reason behind Taylor's recyclable baits goes back to his experience in fishing. He said baits tear up, which makes them unusable for fishing. This results in anglers releasing them into the lake when they're not biodegradable.

"When I started out, I realized that it was recyclable. I thought that that was just a great thing because I've always, even as a kid, seen baits in the water. If you ever keep a fish to eat, and you open it, it's usually filled with plastic baits. The more we can do to keep this stuff out of our lakes and our water, the better."

Taylor has started collecting used baits from anglers in the area and from the bass club to maintain supply for his own product.

Taylor has worked at Outdoors Plus in Haliburton for many years. This is where he collects used baits. One can buy fishing lures from Taylor through his business Facebook page, Haliburtonian Baits, but he also sells his product at Outdoors Plus.

The name, Haliburtonian Baits, was inspired by Taylor's late-grandfather, Doug McCabe.

"I had a really hard time trying to come up with a name then just one night it came to me. My grandpa, he moved to Haliburton about 20 years ago around the same time that me and my mom did. He's just always been a through and through local Haliburton guy. Everybody knew him and everybody liked him. He drove around with Haliburton stickers that he had custom made and people started to buy them off of him. He always liked that idea of calling local Haliburton residents, Haliburtonians. So, the name came from his idea of what he called himself."

Taylor and his grandfather were close. Taylor found his passion for fishing through McCabe and they used to fish Haliburton's lakes together.

"He actually passed away while fishing so that shows you just how much he loved the sport. He got me into fishing as a kid and then my love for it continued while growing up," Taylor said.

Bass is Taylor's favourite fish to catch, which is ultimately what inspired the soft plastic aspect of his recyclable products.

"I'm a part of the local bass club, so I bass fish a lot and it has always been what I'm interested in. It's just my favorite fish to catch and so soft plastics are primarily used for bass, but you can use them for other species. When I started making them, I had that

Local anglers have been impressed with the durability of Taylor's lures in comparison to other brands.

"People really like the durability of them. They last a lot longer than some of the products on the market which get torn up after a



Young 24-year-old entrepreneur, Colt Taylor, took his passion for fishing and created his very own business called Haliburtonian Baits. He makes and sells reusable, recyclable, and durable fishing lures. He specializes in lures for bass fish as they are his favourite to catch. /Submitted



Taylor, puts a lot of his time and care into creating long-lasting, durable, and recyclable fishing lures.

few fish," Taylor said.

This year, Taylor received a loan from Haliburton County Development Corporation to fund new moulds.

"The biggest help for me was the loan. They gave me a small business loan to expand on my line of mold so that I could make more baits and more styles of baits. They were a huge resource to me," Taylor

With Haliburtonian Baits being such a success within the first year, Taylor has high hopes and big plans for the future.

"Next year, I hope to expand a little bit. Maybe into a few other local stores. I like my full-time job at Outdoors Plus so I want this to continue part time, almost like a paying hobby," Taylor said.

"I also want to work throughout the winter to create a stock of bait so that I'm not constantly going home on my days off, like I am this summer, trying to catch up on orders. Ultimately, I hope to make a bunch of advanced stocks. Maybe then I can expand, hopefully, a little bit more into the online marketplace."

At 24, Taylor understands that there are many other young aspiring entrepreneurs. He encourages others to work hard, and to stay true to themselves and their product.

"Just keep with it, and if you're selling a product, make sure that you're getting your money's worth for it. I had a lot of people that wanted free product or stuff at a discount, and you can't run a business that way, especially when you're starting up. It's all about support from people and spreading your product through word of mouth," Taylor said.

To purchase fishing lures from Taylor, visit Outdoors Plus in Haliburton, or visit his Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ haliburtonianbaits.



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Putting for the Challenge

Becca Anderson concentrates on the ball after putting at Mike's Mini Putt in Carnarvon with Rotaract Haliburton Highlands. Members of the club have been getting active throughout the summer to raise funds for Abbey Retreat Centre's Haliburton Highlands Challenge to go towards providing retreats and programming to those facing a cancer diagnosis. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff





Rotaract Haliburton Highlands members strategize the best way to putt into the hole. Rotaract is a service club for young adults within Rotary International. The club carries out various service projects and social events within the community.

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Taylor Vince aims to get her golf ball through the train at Mike's Mini Putt in Carnarvon with Rotaract Haliburton Highlands.

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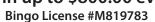


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The RPM Outboard Power Boat Races are returning to Head Lake Park in Haliburton this weekend for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began. /

High speed spectacle promises to satisfy race fans

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Those with a need for speed can find a thrill in watching this weekend's power boat races.

The 6th annual RPM Outboard Power Boat Races are coming to Head Lake in Haliburton from Friday, Aug. 19 to Sunday Aug. 21.

Local racer Wesley Hammond is competing in four categories in the Haliburton races this year.

The 25 year old has been competing in power boat races since he was 17, which is why he races with the number on his boat, and it's important to him to have races in Haliburton County.

"I'm excited to be racing here. I have lots of friends and family coming out to watch so it should be a really fun weekend," he said.

The races are sanctioned by the Canadian Boating Federation and are hosted by the Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) as part of their summer circuit of races.

This year, the races have 36 sponsors and are back for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Haliburton County local, Barb Hammond (Wesley's mother), originally brought the power boat races to Haliburton and continues to be the event's organizer.

Barb is excited to host the event after being unable to since 2019.

"There's no prize money at the Haliburton races, so the racers do it for the love of racing. We give out trophies to the winners," she said. "This is a free event and is a fundraiser for the hospital auxiliary, which is in dire need of help because I believe it's not even running as the auxiliary. The lottery tickets

for all the prizes we collect are going through the hospital because I think they're short of volunteers."

On Friday, racers and organizers will begin set-up for the races which will give spectators an opportunity to meet racers.

The races begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, and a banquet will be held on Saturday night at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre for 85 racers and guests.

Races continue on Sunday from 11 a.m. to

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the event, and all proceeds will be given to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, and spectators are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the Hospital Auxiliary booth at the event.

RPM is the main sponsor of the Haliburton races with Youngdale Fuels as a sponsor for the four local competitors; Brandon Sutton in boat No. 13, Tammy Everitt in boat No. 34, and Barb's children, Wesley in boat No. 17 and Andrea Hammond in boat No. 38.

"Because they are a home-town fuel company, when I started this boat racing, years ago, I thought it would be a novel thing to have our home-town team sponsored by a local business," Barb said.

At the banquet, a 50/50 draw will be held, with half of the funds donated to the

During the races, Haliburton RPM will allow boaters wanting access to Kashagawigamog Lake to use their docks and boat launch located at 5122 County Road 21 in Haliburton.

"We'd also like to let everyone know that when the boats are at top speeds, we try and get on and off the water as quickly as possible to reduce the amount of noise," Barb said.

Notice of a Complete Application and Public Meeting Concerning a Temporary Use By-law Part Lot 16, Concession 11 - Snowdon (PLTU2022055)

Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application for a temporary use by-law to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10. The application applies to the property located in Part Lot 16, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Snowdon, known as 1659 Sedgwick Road (see Key Map on reverse side).

Purpose and Effect: The subject property is currently zoned 'Rural Residential (RR)' and is located within the Waterfront and Rural designations of the Township's Official Plan. The temporary use by-law would serve to permit the construction of a 55 square metre (588 square foot) temporary garden suite on the subject property.

And Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting, as required under the Planning Act. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed by-law. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendments during the Public Meeting.

Date and Location of Public Meeting - PLTU2022055

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022

9:00 AM Time:

This will be held as a virtual meeting Location:

To Watch:

Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the **Meeting Live Stream Link:** https://youtu.be/omqPGgm54-c

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- pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday September 7th before
- or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM

Participants registering after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting. Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.

To attend the Zoom virtual meeting via Web, type https://zoom.us/join in to your browser or attend by dialing the number below

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We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the township website at: https://www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

Additional Information regarding the proposed by-law is available to the public for

inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment and is available online at www.mindenhills. ca/newsroom. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext. 506).

Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed by-law.



If a Person Or Public Body does not make oral submis-

sions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a Person Or Public Body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so

If You Wish to Be Notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhills.ca

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Dated this 18th day of August, 2022 Trisha McKibbin, Clerk 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359 Minden, ON. K0M 2K0

Sixty eager golfers wait for the "Shot Gun Start" to support Help A Village Effort before the start of the Ron Reid H.A.V.E. Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 11 at the Gull River Golf Club in Minden. More than \$16,000 was raised to help rural villages in India with bringing them "clean water wells and sanitation units." Photo submitted by Michele Coneybeare





Darren Mills of Mills Custom Contracting lines up his putt during the Ron Reid H.A.V.E. Charity Golf Tournament.

H.A.V.E. golf tournament drives in \$16,000 for clean water

The second annual Ron Reid H.A.V.E. Minden. The tournament was a tremendous Charity Golf Tournament took place on

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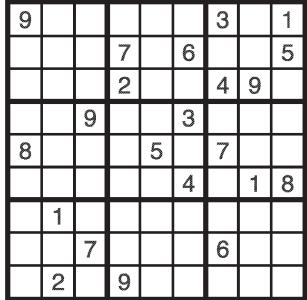


best ball golf with fun contests on different holes. The golf team of Tracey Chandler, Carlee Northover, Wes Lytle and Jeff Bennet took home the trophy for this year's event. H.A.V.E. stands for Help A Village Effort. It is a Minden-based charity that has been working with rural villages in India for four decades, turning donations from Canada into "clean water wells and sanitation units" through partnerships with trusted nongovernmental organizations. H.A.V.E. also has branches in Newfoundland and British Columbia.

This year's tournament sponsor was Kegel Heating and Cooling. This Carnarvon business will have a plaque placed on a newly drilled well in India that their sponsorship will pay for in full. The well site will have an inscription and their name on it.

Please see www.helpavillageeffort.org/ if you are interested in learning more about H.A.V.E. or you would like to make a

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Answers on page 19



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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Application FOR Minor Variance This meeting will be heard as an electronic hearing by way of a VIRTUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: MONDAY, August 29, 2022

TIME: 10:30 AM LOCATION: Due to the

Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by

way of a virtual meeting.

To participate:

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Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: https://youtu.be/xxtqsLJYVk4

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday August 26th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 10:00 AM. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2022004**, **PLMV2022046**, **PLMV2022049**, **PLMV2022058** and **PLMV2022059** and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications for Public Hearing are listed below:

PLMV2022004 – Part Lot 3, Concession A, Geographic Township of Minden; located on Chandos Street (see Key Map). Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a single-detached dwelling on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit a reduced front yard of 5.6 metres for the dwelling, whereas the Zoning By-law requires 7.5 metres.

PLMV2022046 – Part Lot 10, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Anson; municipally known as 1558 Tennyson Road and

located on Bob Lake (see Key Map). **Purpose and Effect of the Application:** The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of an addition and a new attached deck to an existing single-detached dwelling on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit a further reduction to the high-water mark setback, from 16.05 metres as existing to 14.53 metres, and to increase the ground floor area by 34% for a dwelling located within 15 metres of the high-water mark; whereas under Section 4.8.4 no further reductions to the high-water mark setback or increases in ground floor area of dwellings located within 15 metres of the high-water mark are permitted.

PLMV2022049 – Part Lot 5, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1014 Delta Drive and located on Minden Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit replacement of the existing one-storey dwelling with a larger, two-storey dwelling with attached lakeside decks. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in height of the dwelling of 2.13 metres and an increase in ground floor area of 146 square metres for the dwelling and 80 square metres for the attached decks; whereas under Section 4.8.4 no increases in height or ground floor area for dwellings located within 15 metres of the high-water mark is permitted.

PLMV2022058 – Part Lot 2, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Hindon; municipally known as 1910 Brady Lake Road and located on Brady Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a 53.5 square metre (576 square foot) detached garage on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit a 0 metre setback to the rear lot line, whereas Section 4.1.11 requires a 2 metre setback.

PLMV2022059 – Part Lot 22, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1009 Acadia Lane and located on East Moore Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a 50 square metre (538 square foot) one-storey addition to the rear of an existing two-storey dwelling on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase to the ground floor area by 64.3%, whereas under Section 4.8.4 (iii) no increases to the ground floor area of a dwelling greater than 25% is permitted.











ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding these applications are available online at www. mindenhills.ca/newsroom. Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY WHO IS OF THE OPINION THAT HOLDING THE HEARING AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE THEM SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

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For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278

Amanda Dougherty
Township Planning Consultant
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON, K0M 2K0

Audible art

River Guard performs Dein ist mein ganzes Herz from Das Land des Lachelns by Franz Lehar at the A Night at the Operetta on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton. The Operetta, which included 14 performers (and two accompanists), who performed 17 songs, was part of the Highlands Opera Studio season of offerings. See highlandsoperastudio.com for other performances. /DARREN LUM



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Highlands boat tour makes Classic connections

Last Saturday, six classic boats assembled at the Head Lake docks for the 2nd Annual Classic Boat Rendezvous and Tour of the five lake chain in Haliburton County.

Organized by Jeff Papiez and Greg Freeman, the tour included a 1938 Chris Craft and a 1961 Greavette from Soyers Lake, two Shepherds and a 1938 J H Ross from Haliburton Lake, and a 1960 Peterborough from Gooderham Lake. A seventh boat, a 1938 Chris Craft from Lake Kashagawigamog, was all gassed up, but had engine difficulty on the way to Head Lake and was unable to make the trip. Two other boaters sent their regrets but added that they would like to be included next year, if there is a third installment.

A number of townsfolk heard the public service announcement on the radio and came down to the Head Lake docks to see the boats and speak with the boat owners. After a potluck lunch under the gazebo, the boaters took off on their "five hour tour." The itinerary was carefully planned to allow for breaks on land for humans and pets who were on the trip. We travelled the length of Lake Kashagawigamog down towards Kate's Burger Counter, where a couple of boats pulled in for a quick break and an order of ice cream. Jeff Moulton was playing a set of music from 2 to 3 p.m. for the Art on the Water event held that day. The other three boats floated off shore and listened to the music while some of the boaters took a quick swim.

We then travelled west through Canning Lake, down to the end at Little Canning where the group anchored and went for another welcome swim. On the way back, we went into Soyers Lake where the group was able to dock at one of the cottages for refreshments and to let the dogs have a run. The group then travelled back to Head Lake to prepare to be trailered back to their home lakes. It was a beautiful, sunny day. Throughout the tour of the lakes, there were many people on the water and the shore, showing their appreciation of the classic boats along the route. All in all, it was a fabulous day and everyone enjoyed their outing on the water.

If there are any classic boat owners in Haliburton County



The Classic Boat Rendezvous and tour included a stop in Ingoldsby where participants went to Kate's **Burger Counter** and listened to musician Jeff Moulton. /Submitted

who would be interested in getting on a mailing list and being notified of any future Classic Boat events, please feel free to contact Jeff or Greg at (705) 457- 4929.

Submitted by Greg Freeman



The Classic Boat Rendezvous and Tour included head turners such as this classic boat docked in Haliburton. /Submitted

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580 NOTICES



AGM HCSA 2022

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is holding its Annual General Meeting Saturday September 17 2022 at 10 am at the Larue Arena in Haliburton Village. Election of Directors and a recap of 2021 and 2022 activities and other business will be on the agenda. Everyone welcome.

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As MPP Dennis Drainville heads into his second year at Queen's Park, he has new responsibilities.

Hot blades

Minden figure skater Lisa Carr has earned more honours, by placing third in a cross-Canada competition. See page 13

Janu man

Kinmount jeweller Stan Griffith makes music with heavy metal -- copper water See second section



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Plan will not wait for restructuring

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Haliburton County can't put its official plan on hold to wait for county restructuring and an economic turn-around, says Sherborne Reeve Don Shortreed.

Shortreed made the comments at a public meeting held at the Minden community centre last Saturday. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the public's input on the proposed county official plan.

"I know there has been some controversy about the official plan," said Shortreed. At lot of the concern is about the economics of it. We can't control the fact that senior levels of government control the purse strings, but Haliburton County can't stand still and

Shortreed said the county first wrestled with the concept of an official plan in the mid 1970s but, because council could not reach a consensus, the issue was dropped.

Since then, the municipalities of Minden, Dysart and Cardiff have adopted their own official plans which, said Shortreed, showed they were planning for the future.

"The other seven townships, for different reasons, put official plans on the back burner," he said. "That was probably a mis-

In the last four years, some of the seven townships decided they should have their own official plans but it was agreed a countywide plan should first be adopted.

"It is very important that all townships have their own official plan, but first we have to have a county plan," said Shortreed.

"For the good of the county we have to work together for the betterment of the county

County planner Mark Stagg made a pres-

meeting. He explained the discussion paper on the county official plan which is currently being circulated and touched on some of the issues the county will have to deal.

Stagg said there are two types of issues the county will have to address in the plan. The first concern will be provincial poli-(more on page 4)

Minden council approves third advance poll

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Minden Council has approved a third advance polling day for the November municipal elections, as requested by the Coalition of Anson, Hindon and Minden Ratepayers' Associations.

Earlier in the month, the coalition requested another weekend advance poll in order to encourage voter participation among the municipality's seasonal residents.

In addition to the regular election day on November 12, residents an Anson. Hindon and Minden will also be able to vote on Saturday, Nov. 2, Wednesday, Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 9.

Bob Hurrle, president of the Mountain Lake Ratepayers' Association, says the coalition hopes to reverse the trend of lower voter turn-out which was evident in previous municipal elections, particularly among seasonal residents.

"The opportunity has been presented for

Eleonore Prokop and Michael Quinsey, of the Generic Theatre in Toronto, delighted local audiences last Tuesday with their version of Beauty and the Beast, at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home.

Protest grows against development charges

by Susan Grober

A number of area municipalities have supported a move for an amendment to the province's new Development Charges Act.

Dysart, Lutterworth and Stanhope councils have all passed resolutions similar to one circulated by the Township of Euphrasia, near Meaford, to all municipalities with a population less than or equal to 5,000.

Luphrasia council objects to a Ministry of Municipal Affairs requirement that a development charges study be required before municipalities can impose lot levy charges.

The resolution states that a number of small municipalities don't have much development, and the cost of doing a development charges study is expensive. If a development charges bylaw is not in place by November 23, lot levy charges will be illegal.

The resolution urges the ministry to amend the Development Charges Act to allow small municipalities of under 5,000 electors to charge a lot levy of up to \$1,000 per lot, without having to complete a study or to seek Ontario Municipal Board approval.

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to a close, The Times staff will be joining many of you by enjoying a couple of days off. This coming

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